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NCJW SEPTEMBER MEETING FEATURES DIVERSITY, DISABILITY AND INCLUSION

TEANECK – National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section is delighted to welcome Tami Luchow to kick off its General Meeting speaker series this year. Ms. Luchow, who was born in Tenafly, is a diversity consultant, inspirational speaker, writer, change-maker and a former journalist with NBC News. She will speak on "Dare to Be Me", demonstrating how the world operates when we investigate what it means and feels like to be different. The meeting will take place on Thursday, September 27 at 12:30 pm at Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck.

Ms. Luchow is a change-maker who believes passionately in equality for people with visible and invisible disabilities. Born 47 years ago, two months premature and weighing just over two pounds and missing part of her right leg, a few fingers and some toes, Ms. Luchow was determined to live the life of a normal child. Today, she helps countless individuals defy the odds and lead normal lives. She is a graduate of Yale University and Columbia University, Teachers College and spent many years with NBC, first at Nightly News with Tom Brokaw and then with Dateline, covering stories across the nation. In addition, she was a competitive skier. Today, her talks as an inspirational speaker to groups of all ages take her across the country and focus on including and caring for others as we do for ourselves. Ms. Luchow lives in New Jersey with her husband and two sons.

"Ms. Luchow's belief that each of us is unique and can add value to any given situation as long as there is a foundation of respect and understanding is an important aspect of NCJW's work," says Jane Abraham, NCJW's Co-President. "We are so pleased that she will be addressing this topic as our first speaker of the year."

The meeting is free for members. There will be a \$10 charge for non-members applicable toward new membership if paid that day. Refreshments will be served.

NCJW BCS provides educational and stimulating programs and speakers throughout the year, including six general meetings and a myriad of study groups, book groups and trips. For more information on this

meeting, or NCJW BCS and its upcoming programs, please visit <u>http://www.ncjwbcs.org</u>, or contact 201-385-4847 or <u>office@ncjwbcs.org</u>.

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

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Tami Luchow, diversity consultant, inspirational speaker and writer, will speak on "Dare to Be Me" at NCJW's General Meeting on September 27 at Temple Emeth, Teaneck.